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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-16 and 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

To the Claims

Cancel claims 18 and 19.

AUTHORIZATION

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Sivos on November 20, 2006.

Remarks

These claims are cancelled in that the subject matter claimed therein has already been incorporated into the independent claim. As the independent claim contains language as to "one of Al, W, Cu, Ti and a silicide", the subject matter of claims 18 and 19 are redundant and do not further limit the claimed subject matter.

Contact Information

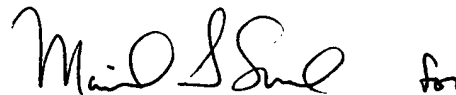
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fernando Toledo whose telephone number is 571-272-1867. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Fridays 7-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Smith", followed by a small, stylized mark.

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